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1. I SUGGEST PARTICIPANTS BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS
FOLLOWING ISSUES IN PRC MEETING TO REVIEW MY TRIP
TO SOUTH ASIA.

A. HOW FAR SHOULD WE GO IN BASING OUR ACTIONS
IN THIS AREA (INCLUDING SAUDI ARABIA) ON ASSUMPTION
OF REGIONAL STATES THAT AFGHAN AND YEMEN SITUATIONS
REPRESENT CLEAR EXTENSIONS OF SOVIET POWER? IN
IRAN, PAKISTAN AND SAUDI ARABIA WE ARE FACE TO FACE
WITH CONVICTIONS THAT POLITICAL CHANGES IN KABUL
AND ADEN REPRESENT SUCH ADVANCES. IT WOULD BE
HELPFUL TO HAVE VIEWS OF INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
ON DEGREE TO WHICH SOVIETS ARE COMMITTED IN EACH
OF THESE PLACES. WHAT KIND, IF ANY, OF SOVIET
REACTION WOULD THERE BE TO ACTIONS ON OUR PART
SUCH AS REARMING PAKISTAN, PROVISION OF MORE SOPHISTICATE
WEAPONRY TO SHAH OR INTRODUCTION OF US EQUIPMENT
INTO NORTH YEMEN IF SUCH ACTIONS ARE PICTURED -

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AS THEY MAY BE - IN TERMS OF US REACTION AFGHAN/
OR ADEN EVENTS. (SAUDI UNDERSECRETARY MANSOURI,
FOR EXAMPLE, ASKED US "INFORMALLY" WHAT I THOUGHT
SOVIET AND CUBAN REACTION WOULD BE IF NORTH YEMEN
INVADED SOUTH YEMEN WITH US EQUIPMENT.)

B. ASSUMING PAKISTAN REPROCESSING ISSUE IS RE-

SOLVED, HOW DO WE PROCEED TO ASSIST PAKISTAN?
SHALL WE LET PAKISTAN TAKE LEAD - OR FRENCH?
SHOULD WE ATTEMPT TO PUT TOGETHER INTERNATIONAL
EQUIPMENT AND FINANCING PACKAGE - AND UNDER WHAT
LIMITATIONS? SHOULD WE PUSH USF-5S OR YIELD TO
FRENCH MIRAGES?

C. HOW IMPORTANT TO US IS CENTO? IF PAKISTAN
AND TURKEY FEEL THEY WOULD HAVE GREATER FREEDOM OF
ACTION WITHOUT CENTO, SHOULD WE SEEK TO DISCOURAGE
THEM? WOULD THERE BE ANY BENEFIT TO US IN A
DISOLUTION OF CENTO WHICH WOULD PERMIT THESE THREE
COUNTRIES TO JOIN AND BE INFLUENTIAL IN THE NON-
ALIGNED MOVEMENT? ARE THERE ANY STEPS WE SHOULD
TAKE TO STRENGTHEN CENTO?

D. WHAT SHOULD BE OUR FINAL DECISION ON F-4GS
FOR IRAN? IT IS CLEAR THESE ARE IMPORTANT TO SHAH.
IT IS NOT CLEAR TO ME FROM TRAFFIC WHETHER WE HAVE
MERELY PUT OFF DECISION OR HAVE MADE NEGATIVE
ONE.

E. WHAT INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD WE GIVE US PARTICIPANTS

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IN JULY 29 MEETING WITH SAUDI ARABIA ON YAR?
SAUDIES HAVE SAID THEY DO NOT WISH US TO DEAL
DIRECTLY WITH YAR. SHOULD WE ACCEPT THIS? DO
WE FAVOR TRANSFER OF US EQUIPMENT WITH TRAINING
AND MAINTENANCE IN YAR BY (1) THIRD COUNTRY
NATIONALS; (2) US CONTRACTOR; (3) US SERVICE PERSONNEL

(ALL TO BE FINANCED BY SAUDIS.)?

F. DO WE ACCEPT GUIDELINES I HAVE SUGGESTED FOR ECONOMIC AID TO AFGHANISTAN I.E. (1) ABSENCE INTERPARTY RELATIONS; (2) EQUAL TREATMENT FOR US PERSONNEL AND PROGRAMS; (3) NON-INTERVENTION BY GOA IN PAKISTAN BORDER AREAS?

G. DOES THE PRESENT SITUATION CALL FOR RENEWED ASSURANCES, EITHER IN A SPEECH OR IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS: TO PAKISTAN ON THE DURAND LINE, TO SAUDI ARABIA ON OUR CONCERN FOR ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THE NEED FOR BOTH WAS MENTIONED TO ME IN CONVERSATIONS ON THE TRIP.

2. FOREGOING MAY BE MORE THAN CAN BE COVERED IN ONE PRC MEETING, BUT ALL POINTS, IN MY JUDGEMENT, NEED REVIEW. I WILL LEAVE DETERMINATIONS OF AGENDA TO YOU AND HAL SAUNDERS.

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